

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claims

Claims 1-4, 6-15 and 17-19 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner previously rejected claims 1-4, 6-15 and 17-19 based on Rajaram (US 6,918,108). In the previous Office Action and in the Advisory Action, the Examiner has equated the file system section of Rajaram (col. 2, lines 32-39) to the software interface component of the present invention. Applicants note that there is a functional difference between a file system section and a software interface component.

In computing, a file system is a method for storing and organizing computer files and the data they contain to make it easy to find and access them. More formally, a file system is a set of abstract data types that are implemented for the storage, hierarchical organization, manipulation, navigation, access and retrieval of data.

In contrast, there is no such storage mechanism in the software interface component of the present invention. As noted in the present application, the interface component 26 of the present invention preferably includes a middleware services layer 28. The middleware services layer 28 includes one or more application programming interface (API) options for development of specific user applications. These APIs may include standardized (non-native) interfaces, de facto standard interfaces, and/or open native interfaces. For example, a standardized interface might include the JAVA 2 Micro Edition (J2ME) environment according to Mobile Information Device Profile/Connected Limited Device Configuration (MIDP/CLDC). As described in the present application, the middleware services layer 28 also functions to isolate the assembly from user applications via the one or more interfaces.

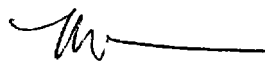
Although there is a functional difference between a file system section and the software interface component of the present invention, Applicant has nevertheless amended claims 1, 4 and 12 to further distinguish the present invention.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims 1-4, 6-15 and 17-19 currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-4, 6-15 and 17-19.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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